

I'm Clark Fairbanks. I'm with Youth Emergency Services, a nonprofit youth service agency in Gillette, Wyoming. The Yes House has been serving youth and families since 1976, for 40 years. And you might be asking yourself why a nonprofit agency is here speaking to the BLM. I'm here because I think it's imperative that you hear more to the story. You've heard that the coal industry is paying \$0.40 on every dollar in taxes and fees, but I'm here to tell you they're doing more than that. They're supporting our schools, as you've heard, but they're also giving corporate dollars to our communities, to our nonprofits. They're providing board leadership volunteers, mentors to our children, and coaches. Their dollars over the 40 years that the youth emergency services has been there has been given not because they had to, not because it was being taxed, but because they invested in our communities, and they're doing that across Wyoming. There's a lot of talk at times in Wyoming about how Gillette has more than other communities, but there's a lot of that funding that is supporting our entire community, and they're giving it across our state. I'm here to ask on behalf of the coal companies that you complete the programmatic environmental impact statement, that you not levy new taxes, that by allowing the coal companies, Cloud Peak or Powder River Basin coal companies to continue in the economic system that they've been operating in that they can continue to do more and continue to support our communities, to support our children and our families. So thank you for your time.